

EX-MOREHEAD STATE OFFICIAL GETS 5-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE



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A former Morehead State University official was sentenced yesterday to five years in prison for embezzling \$20,722 from three business partners.

William A. Bradford of Morehead was given the maximum sentence under the charge by Rowan Circuit Judge James Richardson. The sentence had been recommended by a jury, which convicted Bradford on Jan. 25 after a three-day trial.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Barbara Whaley.

Prosecution witnesses said Bradford stole the money from his partners, John R. Duncan, Bill Pierce and

Rondal Hart. Duncan and Pierce are Morehead professors, while Hart is the

college's admissions director.

The theft occurred in 1981 between October and December when Bradford managed The Log Cabin, one of three restaurants owned by the group, 4-Way Enterprises, witnesses said..

Earlier that year, Bradford resigned his post as Morehead's associate admissions director after being accused of taking money from foreign students and investing it under the guise of school policy.

Bradford was indicted in September 1981 on 12 counts of theft by deception and official misconduct. Six months later, however, all but two counts of official misconduct, a misdemeanor, were dropped. Bradford pleaded guilty and was fined \$1,000.